

## Stable non-profit rates signaled by House budget

By Larry Chesser  
WASHINGTON (BP)—The U.S. House of Representatives gave non-profit mailers a potential boost when it approved its first fiscal 1984 budget resolution calling for enough postal subsidy to keep non-profit rates at their current level.

The action signaled that Congress is highly unlikely to approve President Reagan's budget request to sharply reduce the preferred-rate postal subsidy and thereby trigger another round of large rate hikes for non-profit mailers.

The House-passed resolution projecting a total 1984 budget of \$936 billion only sets broad, non-binding spending ceilings. It assumes \$879 million for the non-profit postal subsidy, compared to the Reagan administration request of \$400 million. But both houses of Congress would have to pass appropriations bills containing the full \$879 million to preserve current rates.

An appropriations shortfall for the postal subsidy in late 1981 sent non-profit rates soaring in early 1982, jumping from step 10 of a 16-year phas-

ing plan to step 16. This hike more than doubled the rates for many non-profit mailers. Later in 1982, Congress added enough funding to the subsidy in a supplemental appropriations measure to bring the rates back to step 13. Last January, non-profit rates went up a normal one-step increase to step 14.

Non-profit rates are available to a wide range of organizations, including religious, educational, scientific, philanthropic, agricultural, labor, veterans, and fraternal groups.

A number of these groups charged at a recent House Post Office and Civil Service subcommittee hearing that the unstable rates had hampered their ability to raise funds and thus pick up the slack caused by federal cutbacks in spending for social services.

Meanwhile, the Senate Budget Committee was expected to complete work on its first budget resolution by mid-April. House and Senate appropriations committees are expected to vote on actual funding for the subsidy in late spring or early summer.

(Chesser writes for the Baptist Joint Committee.)

## Jesus' impact widespread among lives of Americans

NEW YORK (EP)—Jesus has made an influence on the lives of 87 percent of Americans, according to a new Gallup poll. Only 7 percent of the adults questioned said Jesus had little or no impact on their lives as a moral and ethical teacher, and the rest had no opinion.

While 81 percent said they consider themselves Christians and most said they consider Jesus divine, they saw that quality in varying ways, with only 42 percent affirming the orthodox belief that "he was in fact God living among men." But another 27 percent said he was "divine" as a man "uniquely called by God to reveal God's purposes," while 9 percent said he was divine in embodying the highest human potential. That made a total of 78 percent regarding Jesus as somehow divine.

More than three-fourths said Jesus is now alive in the heavenly realm and "lives in you and cares for you," with even more, 84 percent, saying "his spirit is alive in the world." But many of those polled were vague about details of Christ's life on Earth. Only 42 percent knew he delivered the Sermon on the Mount and only 46 percent were able to name the four books of the Gospel recounting his life.

Gallup interviewed 1,500 people scientifically selected as a cross-section of American adults. The poll was commissioned by Robert Schuller, pastor of Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, Calif., and was released for Easter. "I'm encouraged by the breadth of belief in the quintessential Jesus, the kind, compassionate and forgiving Christ," Schuller said. But he added that he was dismayed by the lack of depth and "knowledge of his life on Earth."

An overwhelming majority, 88 percent, believe God loves them—69 percent of them saying God loves them to a "great extent." About 60 percent said belief in Christ is "absolutely necessary" to truly know God, with desire to do his will and prayer next in importance.

The "most appealing" traits of Christ were seen first as his love for mankind, and, ranking next, his forgiveness and kindness. The mission he undertook on Earth was ranked in this order: 1. "To show us how to really love one another." 2. To "pay the penalty for our sins." 3. To "redeem the world from its fallen condition and to restore a relationship between man and God."

Seventy-one percent said their relationship with Jesus was deepening and 73 percent said that relationship has enhanced their sense of self-worth. Eighty-nine percent have made much

## Flood relief money sent to state

The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has forwarded \$10,000 in disaster relief funds to Mississippi in the wake of recent flooding, where President Reagan named nine counties as disaster areas.

Mississippi Baptists' disaster relief director Paul Harrell reported that \$2,500 of the funds has been sent to Marion County so far for distribution through the association. Harrell said Baptist leaders in other counties are looking at recovery needs.

Joel Ray, Lebanon associational director of missions, added to earlier reports in the Baptist Record. Calvary Baptist Church had water to the top of its steps, but not inside. It missed Sunday morning services Sunday a week ago. And Ray said that had the Leaf River risen to 33 feet as predicted, both Bouie Street Church and Calvary would have flooded.

Marvin Lee, director of missions in Pearl River County, said that the Unity Church pastorage, James Hickman, pastor, flooded with an estimated \$1,600 in damages. Also, White Sands and Faith Memorial Churches had flash flooding.

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or some effort to follow Christ's example.

Eighty-six percent said they pray, 28 percent daily, most of them two or more times daily. Most of them say prayer changes their attitudes and calms anxieties, but they divided almost evenly on whether they got a clear answer as to what to do. Sixty-seven percent of Americans direct their prayers both to God and Jesus, with 26 percent praying simply to God and only 4 percent exclusively to Christ.

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## WMU announces '83 annual meeting plans

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)—"Building Bridges" will be the theme for the 1983 Woman's Missionary Union national annual meeting June 12-13 in Pittsburgh, Pa., the city which boasts more bridges than any other in the country. June 11, WMU will host the first National Prayer Conference.

The meeting of the auxiliary at the Pittsburgh Hilton is one of the meetings prior to the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 14-16 at the Pittsburgh Civic Arena.

"The theme is what the Southern Baptist Convention needs to remember today," said Carolyn Weatherford, WMU, SBC executive director, adding, "Baptist women can build bridges to make a strong network for missions."

Promoting unity among Southern Baptists around the call of missions will be a major meeting thrust.

The annual meeting general session will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday and continue through Monday morning, afternoon and evening with the concept of bridge building dominating all activities.

A major addition to the regular format will be WMU's first national prayer conference from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. It is designed for the WMU Executive Board, leaders in state and associational WMU work and women in a five-state driving area of Pittsburgh. Helen Jean Parks, wife of Foreign Mission Board President R. Keith Parks and author of "Holding The Ropes," will be a featured speaker.

Sunday's annual meeting session will feature a special commissioning

## Reagan promises Catholics tuition tax credit push

WASHINGTON (BP)—Declaring his critics are wrong to say he pays lip service to tuition tax credits while doing little to push their passage, President Reagan said April 7 he will "charge up" Capitol Hill "until we get a victory."

Reagan spoke briefly during the closing session of the National Catholic Education Association convention and called again for congressional passage of three pieces of education legislation the White House has drafted.

Besides the tuition tax credit measure for taxpayers who send their children to private schools, other Reagan

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## Lay Convocation to seek theology of non-ordained

By Tim Nicholas

A Lay Convocation has been called for Dec. 8-10, in New Orleans jointly sponsored by an ad hoc committee and New Orleans Seminary "to consider the need for and the process of developing a theology for the non-ordained," according to Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, spokesman for the ad hoc committee.

Cooper called for development of a theology of non-ordained at the Louisiana Baptist Evangelism Conference earlier this year. He told pastors then that "we have divided the people of God into two groups: the pastors, the teachers, the missionaries, and others in Christian work being one; and the other group is denominated as lay persons and most commonly as laymen. I find no basis in scripture for this division."

Cooper, the only living non-ordained former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, told the Baptist Record that qualified theologians in their respective fields have been assigned to

develop the basic theme in six segments.

Fisher Humphreys, professor of theology at New Orleans Seminary, will speak on "Salvation."

Herschel Hobbs, former SBC president and chairman of the committee which drew up the Baptist Faith and Message statement, will speak on "Laos—the People of God."

Lewis Drummond, Billy Graham, professor of evangelism at Southern Seminary, will speak on "Gifts."

Richard Broholm, director of the Center for the Ministry of the Laity, Andover-Newton Theological School, Newton Centre, Mass., will speak on "The Call."

William Clemmons, associate professor of Christian education at Southeastern Seminary, will speak on "The Christian Lifestyle."

And William Pinson, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, will speak on "Lay Ministry."

Cooper said the speakers will attempt to answer questions such as "Are there classes or categories among God's people?" And concerning the call, "Is there a distinction between the ordained and the unordained?"

The ad hoc committee, in addition to Cooper, consists of Doyle Carlton, former SBC Executive Committee

member from Florida; Porter Routh, retired executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee; Rodney Landes of Arkansas, member of the SBC Executive Committee; Lamar Plunkett, chairman of the Georgia Baptist Convention Board; Fred Roach, president of Texas Baptist Men; G. O. McGuffey Sr., former president of the Louisiana Baptist Convention; and Lambert Mims, former president of the Alabama Baptist Convention.

Cooper will be an opening speaker during a kickoff banquet at 6 p.m., Dec. 8, discussing "The Need" for such a convocation. Landrum Leavell, (Continued on page 4)

## Southern Seminary places Moody on one year leave of absence

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, meeting here in annual session April 13, approved a request by Professor Dale Moody for a one-year leave of absence beginning August 1, which will bring to a close his 35 years of service on the seminary faculty.

The board determined that Moody's current contract with the seminary will expire on July 31, 1984, and that he will be paid full salary until that date.

However, his teaching responsibilities at Southern Seminary will be completed this June at the end of the current school year.

Moody has been the subject of criticism about his views on apostasy (or "falling from grace") and his published statements regarding the seminary's Abstract of Principles. The abstract, part of the seminary charter for 125 years, is the oldest statement of faith among Southern Baptists. A copy of the document is signed by every person who teaches at the seminary as a commitment to teach "in accordance with and not contrary to" its doctrinal statements. Moody has challenged the abstract in numerous public comments over the past year.

He had requested the 1983-84 leave of absence early in 1982, before criticism of his views became an issue with the trustees.

Moody reached regular retirement age 65 in 1980. He has been teaching under a series of short-term appointments since that time, in keeping with seminary personnel policy. That policy limits to one year at a time the length of contract for a person over 65.

The board also heard a report from a committee on academic policies on its review of the way former president Duke K. McCall and current president Roy L. Honeycutt had handled questions about faculty commitment to the Abstract of Principles. Specifically, the committee said the two administrators had "fulfilled their responsibilities required under the Charter and Bylaws" with reference to the Moody controversy, according to a seminary news release.

## Louisiana Baptists aid Zimbabwe with drilling

By Oscar Hoffmeyer Jr.

TULSA, Okla. (BP)—Late afternoon sunrays bounced from the newly painted waterwell drill as the bit chewed into the earth.

A crew of Louisiana Baptist men participated in a "hands on" demonstration test of a 45,600 pound machine scheduled to depart Houston for Zimbabwe, Africa in late March.

The drill will be used in the Louisiana-Zimbabwe "People Who Care" partnership mission project to continue over the next three years.

Louisiana Baptists, during their annual meeting in November, voted to participate in the project in Zimbabwe's Goweke area, an arid bush country section of the nation.

Drilling wells to provide fresh water is a top priority project carried out by Louisiana volunteers, according to Don Mabry, director of the Louisiana Baptist missions division.

John Cheyne, project coordinator at the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board who is working with Louisiana Baptists, said "evangelism is the basic premise of the work there, plus an integrated approach to meet the total needs of the people."

Wells are needed to support health and nutritional clinics, literacy programs and church planting. People of the remote Goweke area of Zimbabwe, formerly Rhodesia, have been relatively isolated since the war in the late 1970's when clinics were destroyed and wells damaged.

John Majors, a Baptist layman from Tulsa, designed and

supervised construction of the mobile rig scheduled to drill approximately 25 wells a year.

During an interview here last week Majors said the drill has been constructed to minimize down time. "Everything such as engines, shafts, clutches, hoses and other equipment has been developed to exceed any specifications for this type of a rig used in our country."

Work was begun less than three months ago as a GI truck stripped to the basic chassis. It has been rebuilt with all new equipment.

Cost of the rig is \$152,000, with the Foreign Mission Board's paying about 80 percent of the cost from hunger and relief funds. Majors and other Baptists have provided the balance of the funds in addition to donating labor and time.

Shipping costs from Houston will be \$21,000 with estimated time of arrival three and one-half weeks.

Majors will fly to Zimbabwe to check the drill off the ship and drive it to Sanyati where the Baptist Hospital is located. Three or four wells will be drilled there to increase the water supply. Another dozen locations have been plotted. He plans to spend a few weeks with the rig after it arrives.

Johnny Armstrong volunteer coordinator of the Louisiana Baptist missions division, said the drilling rig will need three or four persons to operate it. When drilling becomes operational in May a rotation is anticipated with groups traveling to and from the field.

(Hoffmeyer is associate editor of the Louisiana Baptist Message.)



## Sunday School Convention

John Bisagno, pastor, First Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., signs books during an autograph party given for him in the lobby of the Baptist Building. Bisagno was a featured speaker during the Sunday School Teaching/Reaching Convention held Apr. 11-12 at First Baptist Church, Jackson. For this meeting, sponsored by the Sunday School department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, 1,567 registered. At least one person from every Baptist association in the state attended the meeting. Numerous multiple age group and administration conferences were offered, plus mass leadership conferences. (Anne Washburn McWilliams photo.)



# North Jackson Church postpones debt crisis

By Don McGregor

The Baptist Record has played a part of helping a Jackson church find a way to deal with a problem, according to the pastor, Curtis A. Burge.

Last year North Jackson Church was in a struggle for survival, Burge told the Baptist Record, and didn't know what direction to go for help. Debt had been incurred in better times and was pressing in on the church located in a changing community. Hinds-Madison Association became interested in seeing if a bi-racial congregation could be built. The church called insurance man Burge to become a bi-vocational pastor.

The heart of the problem is that on May 1 the payment is due on the bond issue.

The Baptist Record ran a story on the situation, and W. L. Compere, retired president of Clarke College read it. He went to the church for a revival and came up with a solution. It was another bond issue to pay off the first. It would not get the church out of debt, but it would postpone the payment time until things could get turned around.

And Burge says things are looking

up. There have been 12 additions since December of 1981, three by baptism. He added that visitors continue to attend who are interested in being a part of "a small, caring, church family." Last fall there were two children's classes formed where there had been none. Plans are under way for a day care center, and Burge has given up his secular job to devote full-time to the church except for teaching at Mississippi Baptist Seminary. There are 147 members, and the Easter Sunday attendance in Sunday School was 65, a record for the last two years. It is an integrated church membership. Offerings are running about \$700 per Sunday.

Help is coming from several directions. Hinds-Madison Association provided secretarial help for duplication of the prospectus. David Myers of the association staff will conduct a Vacation Bible School this summer. Last summer Jim Nettles and the senior high school class of Parkway Church conducted a Vacation Bible School which resulted in five additions.

Cowards die many times before their deaths; the valiant taste of death but once.—William Shakespeare.

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### Soviet churches

MOSCOW (EP)—Two hundred and five new registered churches have been opened in the Soviet Union in the last five years, says the general secretary of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists, Alexei Bichkov. On the other hand, only a few more Russian Orthodox churches have been opened.

Bichkov said more people are attracted to his churches because of their simple worship and clear preaching, according to Missionary News Service.

Meanwhile, there are reports of more house searches of members of the unregistered churches. In the Kemerovo region alone, 23 searches were made and one believer was arrested.

Soviet authorities have raised the student quotas at Roman Catholic seminaries in Lithuania and Latvia for the first time since World War II. Fifty-one have been admitted for the winter semester. Enrollment is still at about two-thirds of what it was in 1946.

### Moscow seminar

MOSCOW, USSR—More than 70 Baptist leaders from ten countries participated in the International Seminar-Consultation "Life and Peace", held at the Moscow Baptist Church, March 28-30, 1983. The representatives came from Bulgaria (Pentecostals), Czechoslovakia, Denmark, German Democratic Republic, Great Britain, Hungary, Poland, Sweden, USA, and the USSR.

Knud Wuempelmann, general secretary of the European Baptist Federation and BWA regional secretary for Eugene, and Alexei Bichkov, general secretary of the All Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists, were the co-chairmen of the seminar. Reinhold Kerstan and Denton Lotz represented the BWA Washington headquarters. Lotz presented a paper entitled, "Service of Reconciliation in the Name of Saving the Sacred Gift of Life from Nuclear Catastrophe."

### 5,200 find Christ

TAEJON, South Korea—Some 5,200 servicemen declared their faith in Christ in 1982 through the ministry of the Korea Baptist Convention. Southern Baptist missionary Rolla Bradley, supervisor of military evangelism, reported that 448 servicemen were baptized and an additional 1,170 joined Baptist churches after receiving counseling.

### Baptists give to ABS

NEW YORK, N. Y. (ABS)—In 1982, Southern Baptist churches gave the American Bible Society gifts totalling \$324,612, to help in sharing God's Word around the world.

Last year ABS distributed over 244 million Scriptures globally mainly

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through churches, missions, hospitals, schools, and other institutions as well as through the dedication of untold numbers of individuals.

### Jogging clinic

MANILA, Philippines—A volunteer missions couple who are jogging enthusiasts use their avocation to promote both physical and spiritual health in a Manila, Philippines, suburb.

Harvey and Charlene Kneisel, mission volunteers from Conroe, Texas, former missionaries to Guyana, who work with Makati International Baptist Church, Manila, recently organized the San Lorenzo Jogging Clinic in the village where they live.

### Embezzlement arrest

ATLANTA, Ga. (BP)—The director of housekeeping at Georgia Baptist Medical Center has been arrested and indicted in connection with alleged embezzlement of more than \$100,000 in payroll funds at the Atlanta hospital.

Herbert F. Thomas, 57, has been charged with second degree forgery and theft by deception.

Administrator Robert L. Zwald said two other employees had been suspended without pay in the incident, which is still under investigation. The alleged embezzlement came to light in early February when Internal Revenue Service agents alerted the hospital to payroll inequities.

At that time Zwald said all parties at Georgia Baptist Medical Center are fully bonded and that no patient funds or charity funds had been affected.

### Teacher approval

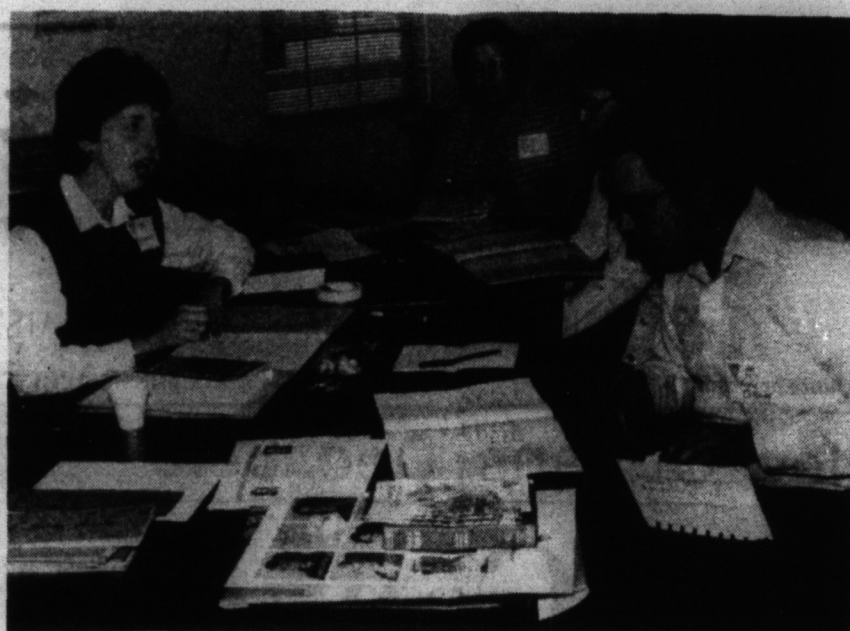
WASHINGTON (BP)—Conflict over state accreditation of sectarian school teachers has reached the U.S. Supreme Court but the justices have declined to review a North Dakota law requiring all such teachers to be state-approved.

Two parents of pupils in a Christian day school, Living Word Academy, of Elgin, N. D., sought unsuccessfully to have the high court review their state's compulsory attendance law, which includes a provision requiring teachers in private and parochial schools to be certified.

### Music workshops

NASHVILLE — Church Music Workshops, East and West, are scheduled at Ridgcrest and Glorieta Baptist Conference Centers in May as in-depth refresher courses for ministers of music.

The five-day workshops at Glorieta, May 9-13, and Ridgcrest, May 23-27, will feature sessions in choral conducting, voice training, church music administration, children's choir techniques and on working with accompanists.



VBS clinics

Steve Coleman of Meadville plays the autoharp during a session of a Mississippi Vacation Bible School Clinic, held at First Church, Natchez. From left are Margaret McArthur, minister of childhood education at First Church, Hattiesburg, Johnnie McKnight of Smithdale; and Cathy Moss of Natchez, Miss McArthur was one of the teachers in eight clinics held to train persons to return to their associations to lead clinics for church workers. A total of 430 persons attended the associational clinics. These persons are now leading clinics across the state. In 1982 there were a total of 148,559 persons enrolled (including adults enrolled in VBS) with 2,021 professions of faith. The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Sunday School department provides the training clinics. Billy Hudgens, clinic director. Supplementary materials for Mississippi VBS's include a story on Bryant Cummings, who retires this year as director of the Sunday School department.

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on the primacy of Scripture and liberty of conscience, while maintaining theological continuity with the cardinal principles which Baptists hold in common.

Moody, 68, is a native of Texas and a graduate of Baylor University. He holds earned doctorates from Southern Seminary and from Oxford University in England. He has been a visiting scholar at the Institute for Advanced Theological Studies in Jerusalem, and has been a student under Paul Tillich, Karl Barth, and Emil Brunner.

Southern Seminary, founded in 1859, is the oldest of the six Southern Baptist Convention seminaries. Last year, Southern enrolled more than 3,000 students.

Following an interview with Moody, Baptist Press reported he feels his position is consistent both with Baptist history and the Bible. "I believe the scriptures are inspired and authoritative in every matter . . . and when things contradict the scriptures I reject them—I don't care how hoary they are with antiquity." He said the Abstract of Principles contradicts the Baptist Faith and Message (adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963) at three points.

But, "the abstract doesn't have a statement on biblical inerrancy and the Baptist Faith and Message does—and I accept the Baptist Faith and Message totally," he said. "I will walk to Nashville to debate the historical, bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ and the reality of a Second Coming (by

## Stewardship Commission elects Ivins

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)—John C. Ivins of Virginia has been elected chairman of the Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Ivins is assistant to the executive secretary of the Baptist General Association of Virginia, with responsibility for Stewardship and Cooperative Program promotion.

Glen W. Zumwalt, professor of engineering, Wichita State University, Wichita, Kan., was elected vice-chairman. Donald S. Campbell, pastor of Lincoln Park Baptist Church, Flint, Mich., was reelected secretary.

The commission approved a Cooperative Program budget request of \$475,000 for 1984-85.

The Endowment and Capital Giving Committee of the commission forecast that within a year an accumulated total of \$250,000,000 would have been pledged to building programs by Southern Baptists. These gifts represent commitment to capital improvements and buildings and are in addition to regular gifts to the churches.

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## Senate rider would offer Social Security choice

WASHINGTON (BP)—An amendment giving ministers and churches the option of treating clergy as employees for Social Security purposes has been added to the Senate's version of the \$165.3 billion package to keep the retirement system solvent.

Sponsored by Sen. Walker D. Huddleston, D-Ky., the amendment is identical to a House bill introduced by Rep. Berkeley Bedell, D-Iowa, too late to be considered as part of the Social Security reform plan passed earlier by the House. Under the Huddleston amendment, both the church and minister would have to elect to treat the minister as an employee for Social Security purposes.

Currently, ministers and other self-employed participants in Social Security pay 75 percent of the combined employer-employee tax rate. Under

the Social Security reform package passed by the House as well as the one being considered by the Senate, self-employed participants would be required to pay the full employer-employee rate. Both the House and Senate versions would partially offset that 33 percent hike by providing tax credits against Social Security taxes, though the Senate bill would call for larger credits.

In another area affecting ministers the Senate bill also differs from the House-passed package by maintaining the current tax law on employer contributions to certain non-profit pension plans such as those administered by the Southern Baptist Convention's Annuity Board. The House bill would change the law to make employer contributions to these retirement plans subject to Social Security taxes.

## Bad Social Security advice being given

By Ray Furr

DALLAS (BP)—Consulting firms advising ministers to opt out of Social Security by declaring themselves employees of non-profit corporations and to exclude the rental value of a parsonage or housing allowance from their net self-employment income are giving information contrary to the Social Security tax laws, a Dallas Social Security official said.

D. S. O'Neil, external affairs office, Social Security Southwestern regional office, said consulting firms headquartered in the Dallas area have been giving ministers in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Tennessee erroneous information in opting out of Social Security coverage and "are asking for a share of the 'tax savings' and may be offering to sell alternative pension plans."

O'Neil said the Social Security tax law views ministers as self-employed and that they cannot be considered employees of the church, denomination or corporation.

Gary S. Nash, general counsel of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, said "even if ministers could declare themselves employees of a non-profit or-

ganizations (the church) they would still be subject to Social Security tax due to the recent Social Security amendments."

He said the new Social Security Amendments of 1983 require employees of non-profit organizations to be covered by Social Security with respect to service performed after December 31, 1983.

O'Neil suggested ministers obtain a copy of IRS publication 517, "Social Security for Members of the Clergy and Religious Workers" to avoid being misled by these firms.

(Furr writes for the Annuity Board.)

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### Baptist to chaplaincy

ATLANTA (BP)—A Southern Baptist minister has been named director of chaplains for the federal prison system for the first time in the department's history.

Charles Rigg, 47, appointed by the Department Justice Bureau of Prisons, will assume his duties in Washington, D. C. this summer.

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# Southwestern adds faculty, courses

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)—Southwestern Seminary has added four faculty members, added 16 courses to the curriculum, and adopted a \$15.3 million budget.

Southwestern, chartered by the state of Texas on March 14, 1908, celebrated its 75th anniversary in a week-long observance that included the trustees' meeting.

The trustees elected Daniel R. Sanchez, state missions director for the Baptist Convention of New York, as associate professor of missions, and Paul L. Gritz, adjunct teacher in church history and Ph.D. candidate at Southwestern Seminary, as instructor in church history.

Also elected were Lucien Edwin Coleman, Jr., professor of religious education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, as tenure professor of adult education and Wesley Oneal Black, youth consultant at the Baptist Sunday School Board, as instructor in youth education.

Eight of the 16 new courses approved relate directly to Southwestern's Center for Christian Communications Studies, offered in cooperation with the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth.

Trustees also heard Southwestern's Vision/85 program to raise \$25 million by 1985 for capital needs and endowment is ahead of schedule. As of March 1, halfway through the campaign period, \$17.2 million or 68.9 percent of the goal, has been given or pledged.

W. R. Estep was promoted from professor to distinguished professor of church history. Bobby E. Adams from associate professor to professor of ethics, Mississippian L. Russ Bush from assistant professor to associate professor of philosophy of religion, Joel C. Gregory from instructor to assistant professor of preaching, and William H. Bellinger from instructor to assistant professor of Old Testament.

# Gulfshore plans made for pastors, church staffers

Special interest conferences for pastors, other staffers, wives, secretaries, and kindergarten-day care workers are a feature of the Pastor/Church Staff Conference this summer at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian.

The conference will take place July 4-6 and is sponsored by the Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Leon Emery, director.

Bible study leader for the conference will be Frank Stagg, senior professor of New Testament studies at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Music leaders for the program will be Jerry and Carol Aultman. He is assistant professor of piano and theory at New Orleans Seminary and she teaches voice and piano at the University of New Orleans.

Harold Bryson, professor of preaching at New Orleans Seminary, will speak on "A Challenge for Personal Growth." And Carl Savell, pastor of Woodville Heights Baptist Church, Jackson,



Jerry and Carol Aultman



Bryson Savell

will speak at three sessions on "Resolved to Grow."

Linda Jenkins, secretary at First Church, Yazoo City, will coordinate the secretary workshop; Janet Kemp, weekday education director for New Orleans Seminary, will coordinate the kindergarten/day care workshop; Jessie (Mrs. Leon) Emery, an approved worker for Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries, will coordinate the wives workshop.

The conference begins with registration at 3:30 p.m., July 4, and concludes at 4 p.m., July 6. Reservations must be sent along with a registration fee of \$25 per person, to Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Henderson Point, Pass Christian, Miss., 39571.

# Glaze will lead Bible study at language meet



Glaze Buckner

Jack Glaze of Mississippi College will be Bible study leader for the annual Mississippi Language Missions Leadership Conference, April 29-30 at the Baptist Building in Jackson.

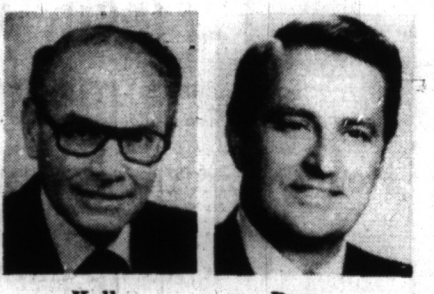
The program, sponsored by the Cooperative Missions department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, is designed for pastors and church leaders working with people who do not speak English as their first language. Richard Alford is language missions consultant.

The conference begins at 7 p.m. Friday, April 29, and concludes the next afternoon at 3.

Program leaders include Wallace Buckner, director of the multiethnic ministries department of the Language Missions division of the Home Mission Board; Ray Grissett, MCB associational administrative consultant; and John McBride, director of the Cooperative Missions department.

Buckner will speak on "Cross Cultural Communication." Grissett on "Ethnic Churches in the Association," and McBride on "Missions Now and Tomorrow."

# Baptists in Grenada will hold evangelism rally



Kelly Draper

An evangelism rally will be sponsored by Grenada Association May 19 at Emmanuel church. There will be sessions at 2 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m.

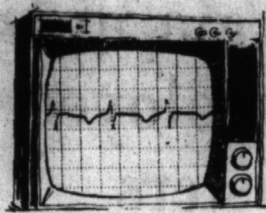
Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will be the Bible teacher for the rally. The speaker will be Jimmy Draper, pastor of First Church, Euless, Texas, and president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Music will be under the direction of Tommy Gillon, minister of music and youth at Friendship Church, Grenada. He is association music director.

A press conference has been scheduled for Draper at 1 p.m. Emmanuel Church is located at the intersection of Highways 8 and 51.

# Mississippi Baptist Activities

Apr. 24	Tithing Commitment Day (Stewardship Emphasis)
May 1	Senior Adult Week (CT Emphasis)
Apr. 25	State Bible Drills; FBC, Biloxi; 4:00-7 p.m. (CT) Preschool/Children Seminars; Harrisburg BC, Tupelo; 4-9 p.m. (SS)
Apr. 26	Adult Class Officers Training; FBC, Natchez; 7-9 p.m. (SS) State Bible Drills; FBC, McComb; 4:00-7 p.m. (CT) Preschool/Children Seminars; FBC, Starkville; 4-9 p.m. (SS)
Apr. 28	Adult Class Officers Training; FBC, Meridian; 7-9 p.m. (SS) State Bible Drills; FBC, Senatobia; 4:00-7 p.m. (CT) Preschool/Children Seminars; Main Street BC, Hattiesburg; 4-9 p.m. (SS)
Apr. 29	State Bible Drills; FBC, Greenwood; 4:00-7 p.m. (CT) Preschool/Children Seminars; FBC, Gulfport; 4-9 p.m. (SS)
Apr. 29-30	Associational WMU Officer Training; Camp Garaywa, Clinton; 5:30 p.m., 29th-3 p.m., 30th (WMU) Language Missions Leadership Conference; Baptist Building, Jackson; Noon, 29th-Noon, 30th (CoMi)
Apr. 30	State Bible Drills; Parkway BC, Jackson, and Broadmoor BC, Jackson; 2-4:30 p.m. (CT)



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in our day, but it is being done by some people with modest incomes.

(8) Get advice from your banker, your county home economics consultant, or someone you can trust who successfully handles money.

(9) The one in the family who has the most expertise in money management should handle the checkbook, but both husband and wife should share in making decisions about budgeting and spending.

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# Simpson County votes crisis ministry center

The Simpson County Baptist Association executive committee has voted unanimously to build a new crisis center on associational property on Highway 49 near Mendenhall.

The building will be a metal structure 36' x 75' and will house clothes, food, and furniture for people in need. The ministry itself is already in operation Friday mornings at the associational office and is working through volunteers entirely.

Ordinarily a "Money on Missions" fund is used to pay for a missions trip out of state, the committee voted to fund the building this year instead of a trip.

Last year the ministry helped more than 250 families, referred through the county welfare department, the fire department, jail, a halfway house, and local churches.

Glen Schilling is director of missions and directs the ministry along with the associational Woman's Missionary Union council. Loyd Stephens is chairman of a new Christian social ministries committee.

# New work will focus on ed ministers

NASHVILLE—Increased visibility and support for the role of the minister of education in Southern Baptist churches is the focus of the work of a new Sunday School Board workgroup announced by Morton Rose, vice president for church programs and services.

The Church Programs and Services Workgroup is chaired by Will Beal, church administration department, and includes representatives from the Sunday school, church training, church music, church media library, church recreation, national student ministries, and family ministry departments.

Beal said the group would welcome suggestions from ministers of education about needs the group should address. Correspondence should be addressed to Beal or any committee member at the board, 127 Ninth Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn., 37234.

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NEW YORK—One million of the world's slimmest, famous "micro-chip" quartz calculator/watches will be sold as part of a publicity campaign for only \$15 apiece to the first one million persons who apply in writing to the company before Midnight, May 25, 1983.

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# Broadmoor sets up Grant scholarship

By Anne Washburn McWilliams  
Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson, has set up a preaching scholarship at Southern Baptist Seminary, in recognition of the 25th anniversary of its pastor, David R. Grant. Roy Honeycutt, Louisville, Ky., Southern seminary president, preached at Broadmoor Apr. 17, and accepted the David R. Grant Endowment Fund.

Grant, now the senior (in years of service) among Baptist pastors in Jackson, moved to Broadmoor in 1958 from Drew. He is the second pastor that 30-year-old Broadmoor has had. The first was L. Gordon Sansing.

High Attendance Day brought 1,858 to Sunday School Apr. 17. Dinner was served in the gym, and the Church Choir afterward presented a concert, featuring some of Grant's favorites, as "To God Be The Glory" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic." The pastor's daughter, Sarah (Mrs. John Perkins), missionary on furlough from France, sang "He Touched Me."

"The most rewarding thing in staying 25 years," Grant said, "has been having these people as my flock—being able to minister to them in good times, as well as in times of crisis. I don't believe there's been a pastor anywhere who loves his people any more than I do."

He added, "It has been a blessing to my family to live in Jackson as the children were growing up. My pride and joy is my family." In addition to Sarah, he and his wife, Lucille, have a daughter, Olivia (married to Jerry Mahon, football coach in Clinton and a deacon at Broadmoor); a son, David, Jr., accountant at the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; and five grandchildren.

A couple of years ago, this Plantersville native added a Master of Community Counseling (from MC) to his already long string of degrees, including three doctorates (Th.D., Southern Seminary; Doctor of Ministry, N.O. Seminary; D.D., Mississippi College). Now he lacks only one course toward a Specialist degree in community counseling, from Mississippi State.

In fact, he's the only trustee of Mississippi College ever to complete a degree while serving on the Board. These latest degrees are looking toward a second career following Dec., 1984, retirement.

Also, his undertaking them was due in part to a health problem that beset him for 1977. Because of severe throat trouble, he was not able to preach from August of one year until January of the next. "I had to come to grips with the realization that I might not ever be physically able to preach again," he told an MC reporter. "So I cast around for an alternative that would still enable me to work with people."

Also he is a trustee of Southern Seminary, and a member of the Advisory Council of Hawaii Baptist Academy in Honolulu. He was general chairman of the fund raising committee when Gulfshore was rebuilt. He was president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, 1972-74, and has served on the Convention Board and its Executive Committee. In the SBC, he has been a member of the Credentials Committee and the Committee on Ministries, as well as a member of the Annuity Board. At Mississippi College he initiated the effort to have a Chair of Bible set up in tribute to Howard Spell.

Twenty-five years ago, Broadmoor had 762 members, and now has 3,820. Twenty-five years ago the church had what is now the chapel, plus one education building. The staff included one secretary; a high school band director who was part time music director; two women who gave part-time help with financial records. Now there are 22 regulars on the staff, not including organist, pianist, janitorial and kindergarten staff, which would bring the total to around 75.

"The people, the potential for growth, were already living in the neighborhood," Grant said. "They had a vision for providing the buildings needed, and they were willing to add staff members as needed for new efforts and programs."

"When I came, the church didn't know which to build next—education building or sanctuary," the pastor recalled. "We added both at the same time, including the office suite still in use. Recreation building, (one of first church gyms in the state) kitchen-dining space, and a nursery unit followed. John Bewley, our recreation director 20 years, has had an innovative program."

"Ours is a progressive church, in



David Grant

using SBC programs and ideas—always a mainline Southern Baptist church—with emphasis on missions and outreach. It has been consistently second in the state in gifts to the Cooperative Program and up close to the top in gifts to special offerings. It was a pilot church in the SBC Forward Program of Church Finance."

For years, Broadmoor has helped to support "pioneer" churches in other states, and now has money in the budget for seven of those. "The first such church we assisted was Anaconda, Mont., and we sent our associate pastor, Tom Hudson, to be their pastor." (Hudson is pastor of Oak Forest, Jackson, now.) The church has sent Grant on many preaching missions, in the U.S. and in other countries, and has sent volunteer teams to places such as Philippines, Peru, Dominica, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Their minister of music, J. M. Wood, is among Singing Churchmen who are now presenting concerts in the Rio de la Plata. After the church adopted a Vietnamese refugee family, all of the family became Christians, and were baptized by Grant.

Broadmoor has a Spanish-speaking congregation. Also it has a ministry to internationals, and a Bible teaching ministry in nursing homes, jails, and fire stations. "My favorite is our child care program," said Grant. "One thing we do is pick up children after school and keep them (grades 1-3) until their parents get off work at 5."

Four missionary families the church claims as its own are Ben and Sandra Nash, Ghana; Karl and Peggy Wallace, Peru; Sarah and John Perkins, France; and Curtis and Deanie Ferrell, Ecuador.

"My dream," said Grant, "is this: If the Lord will allow me, I want to put \$10,000 in the Baptist Foundation. I want to leave instructions that half of the interest go to foreign missions and half back to the principal each year. At 10%, that would be \$100,000 in 57 years to foreign missions (\$93,970.87). Then in the next 100 years, at 10%, I would give \$1,000,000 to foreign missions, besides the first \$100,000."

Coincidentally, the church has just called an associate pastor who has also completed 25 years in his pastorate—James Hurt from Immanuel Baptist Church, Cleveland.

## Georgia aids unemployed ministers

TOCCOA, Ga. (BP)—Limited financial assistance to unemployed ministers who have been terminated by local churches has been approved by the executive committee of the Georgia Baptist Convention.

The new program, similar to those in operation in at least six states within the Southern Baptist Convention, is operative immediately. It will give disengaged ministers limited income if churches which terminate them do not provide at least 90 days of severance pay and if the minister's family income does not exceed \$800 per month.

Ministers must have been in a Georgia Baptist church at least 12 months and must be trying to locate religious or secular work. It suggested they accept counseling and/or career guidance. No minister may receive more than \$1,500 in a 12-month period and none may be assisted more than once in a 5-year span.

The Georgia Baptist assistance program will be channeled through W. Howard Ethington, the convention's director of church-minister relations.

The 1983 Georgia Baptist Convention budget includes \$28,000 for ministerial assistance. Additional monies will be recommended in 1984.

## Students paint booths for Kansas City fair

By Suzy Valentine

Eight students from Mississippi State University's Baptist Student Union gave up their spring breaks to serve Tabernacle Baptist Church in Kansas City, Mo., as missionaries. Ken Watkins, their BSU director, accompanied the group, the trip back to the city where he and his wife, Carol, had spent their seminary years at Midwestern Seminary.

The students went to make physical repairs to Tabernacle Baptist Church, they cleaned the grounds and the bathrooms and painted the outside boarded-up windows.

The student missionaries also constructed and painted 20 eight foot tall booths to be used in a neighborhood fair in June. The theme of the fair, "Dutch Hill Goes International," represents the many races and ethnic backgrounds of the people in Longfellow neighborhood around Tabernacle Church.

One thing about Tabernacle that impressed the students was that its Wednesday night prayer meeting was just that—a time of prayer. The members of the church and the missionaries divided into groups of five for a time of prayer "Quaker style."

Whenever one felt like praying, one prayed. Individuals were lifted up in prayer by those who felt a compulsion to pray for them.

Every night after a long day's work the students met together with Watkins and Walter Guth, the pastor of



## Tithing Commitment Day

Sunday, April 24, is Tithing Commitment Day in the churches throughout Mississippi.

Tithing Commitment Day is a time for each of us to register our faith in God and commitment of at least a tithe of our income prioritized for his work through the churches. It is a time to give first place to first place things.

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We sell out to Satan's big lie. We give mammon prominence over God. We store our treasures where moths and rust corrupt and thieves break through and steal. We lose our witness to the gospel all over the world. That is just too high a price to pay!!!

Join the other members of your church family in making a commitment to God and the church that will bless you every day of the year.

Each person needs worthy causes in life to which we give great allegiance and support. We need the discipline. God's work needs the money to carry on its ministries. Both are blessed through a commitment to tithe.

Don't rule God's grace out of your life and try to make it alone on your own. The way of the transgressor is hard.

For the sake of a lost, sick, dying world, for your sake as an obedient Christian, for the sake of your church's strong witness for Christ, be a part of Tithing Commitment Day in your church.

Tithing is love in action!  
(This series is prepared by the Mississippi Baptist Stewardship office.)

## Lay convocation to seek . . .

(Continued from page 1)

president of New Orleans Seminary, will be the closing speaker Dec. 10 with the topic "Challenge for the Future."

Cooper said five lay speakers will discuss their involvement in their individual field of Christian ministry. Two of the speakers have been confirmed; Fred Roach of Dallas, Tex., and Dorothy Sample, practicing psychologist in Flint, Michigan and president of the Woman's Missionary Union, SBC.

A series of four messages is also scheduled during the convocation concerning the need for lay ministers in the local church, the state convention, the Southern Baptist Convention, and the Baptist World Alliance.

And Friday afternoon, Dec. 9, the six plenary speakers will hold workshops on their individual topics for feedback and mutual discussion.

Tom Kinchen, director of continuing education at New Orleans Seminary, reports that invitations are being sent to Baptist leadership, however, anyone interested in attending may contact him. An initial registration fee of \$25 per person is due with reservations with another \$50 due on Sept. 1, making a total fee of \$75 for the convocation. Kinchen may be reached at the seminary at 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, La. 70126.

Cooper reports that proceedings of the convocation are scheduled to be published following the meeting.

## Staff Changes

J. E. Chapman has been called as pastor of Faith Baptist Church, Lowndes County. He is employed at B & W Manufacturing, West Point, and will continue in a bi-vocational role.

James A. Hurt resigned as pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Cleveland, on Apr. 10. Hurt, whose ministry at Immanuel has spanned more than a quarter-century, has accepted the position of assistant pastor at Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson.

He is a native of Louisville and a graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Seminary. He began the Immanuel pastorate on Dec. 1, 1957. At that time, the church was three years old and had been served by only one other pastor. He moved to Cleveland from Highland Church, Laurel, his only other pastorate after completing seminary.

During the past 25 years there have been nearly 400 additions by baptism and 1,400 other additions to the Immanuel congregation. The church has gone through two major building programs. Total contributions to the church during Hurt's ministry have amounted to 2½ million dollars with nearly \$500,000 going to mission causes.

Hurt has been active in the Mississippi Baptist Convention where he has held the positions of: chairman of the Executive Committee, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; President, Mississippi College National Alumni Association; and (currently) first vice-president, Mississippi Baptist Convention.

John Searcy is available for pastorate, supply preaching, interim pastorate, or revivals. He may be reached at Route 4, Morton, Miss., 39117, or phone (601) 537-3398.

Steve Echols, pastor of Thompson Church, Mississippi Association, has resigned to order to move to First Baptist Church, Kentwood, La.

## Revival Dates

Beulah, Myrtle: Apr. 24-28; Billy Foley, evangelist; Sammy Hood, music director; services at 7 p.m.; Tommy Snyder, pastor.

Biggersville (Alcorn): Apr. 17-22; Joe McIntire, pastor, First Baptist Church, Verona, preaching; Raybon Richardson, pastor; at 7 nightly.

Shiloh (Alcorn): spring preaching conference; Apr. 17-22; 7 each evening. Preaching: Grant Clark, Sun.; Ronnie Mitchell, Mon.; Bill Baker, Tues.; W. C. Gann, Wed.; David Grisham, Thurs.; Larry Dunlap, Fri.; Horace Thomas, pastor.

Tusculum (Alcorn): youth revival; Apr. 18-22; Eddie Alexander, preaching; James Wooley, pastor; at 7:00 nightly.

Tate Street Church, Corinth: Apr. 24-27; Wiley Gann, pastor, Rienzi Baptist Church, preaching; Mike Burczynski, pastor; 7:30 nightly.

Runnelstown Church, Hattiesburg: youth revival; Apr. 24-27; Sunday at 11 o'clock with dinner at the church followed by an afternoon service at 1:30 and evening service at 7; services through the 27th at 7:30 nightly; Kenneth Shoemaker, pastor of Bond Church, evangelist; Roger Blackwell, local musician, to direct the music. Troy A. Sumrall, interim pastor.

Louis Baptist Church, Louisa: Apr. 22-24; Fri.-Sat. 7 p.m.; Sunday regular services; Don Mathis, pastor of Bethany Church, Bay Springs, evangelist; Ray Pugh, music; Wesley Miley, pastor.

Antioch (Lowndes): Apr. 24-27; evangelist, Hugh Woole of First, Maccon; Mac Pace, minister of music, Antioch, leading the music; services 7 each night.

Glading Church, Magnolia: Apr. 22-24; guest speaker, Maurice Wicker of East Fork Baptist Church; at 7:30 each evening and at 11 a.m. on Sunday; dinner on the ground Sun.; Charles Kirkfield, pastor.

Wheeler Grove Church (Alcorn): Apr. 24-27; evangelist, R. J. Wilemon; music director, Dexter Benjamin; pastor, Kara Blackard.

Mt. Zion (Simpson): Apr. 22-24; Fri. and Sat. at 7 p.m.; Sun., regular services; Joe Royalty, evangelist; Bob Harris, music evangelist; Philip Douglas, pastor.

Franklin (Madison): Apr. 24-29; Bill Riddick, Gulf Coast, evangelist; Huley Williams, Lula, music evangelist; Freeman Pierce, pastor; services at 7 p.m. during week; regular times on Sun.; old-fashioned dinner on the grounds Apr. 24.

Maybank Baptist Church: Apr. 17-20; Bobby Wedgeworth, evangelist; Van Windham, pastor; Mike Wallace, music director; Bible Study Sun. at 9 a.m.; evangelistic hour Sun. at 9:50 a.m.; dinner on the grounds and afternoon service Sun.; Mon.-Wed. at 7 p.m.

Calvary, Waynesboro: Apr. 24-27; Perry Neal, Montgomery, Ala., evangelist; Jimmy Knight, Laurel, music director; Mary Ann Jones, Mobile, Ala., Sunday evening concert; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; evening services, 7 p.m.; Larry L. Ballard, pastor.

Collins Church: Apr. 24-29; Tommy and Diane Winders, evangelists; 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sun.; 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. weekdays; Joe Ratcliff, pastor.

Star (Rankin): deacon led revival, Apr. 24-27. Sunday morning at 11 a.m. followed by dinner-on-the-ground; Sun.-Wed. at 7 p.m.; Jimmy Harrington, pastor.

Pinecrest Church, Escatawpa: Apr. 27-May 1; Robbie Howard, Friendship Church, Grand Bay, Ala., evangelist; Ronnie Cottingham, Lucedale, music evangelist; William R. Wyser, pastor; services at 7 p.m.

First, Amory: Apr. 22-24; David Barnes, student at Southwestern Seminary; evangelist; Peyton Rawls, student at Mississippi State, music director; special music by the Fishermen from Mississippi State; Sunday services 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Fri.-Sat. 7 p.m.; Jerry W. Massey, pastor.

Antioch (Rankin): Apr. 21-27; Wilson Winstead, Briar Hill (Rankin), evangelist; Joe McGraw, music director; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Wed. 7 p.m.; Martin Williams, pastor.

Mount Gilead (Union County): Apr. 17-24; C. L. Garrison, pastor, preaching; Sunday evenings, 6 p.m.; weekday evenings, 7:30 p.m.

Cliff Temple Church, Natchez: May 1-6; Milton Koon, Booneville, evangelist; Hubert Greer, Brookhaven, leading the music; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekdays 10:30 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.; W. G. Dowdy, pastor.

## New Zion will celebrate 150th

New Zion Baptist Church, Braxton, will celebrate its 150th birthday on April 24. The pastor, Don Nerren, will preach in the morning service, beginning a three night revival through Wednesday night. There will be dinner on the ground Sunday and an afternoon of reminiscing, reading of an updated church history by Syble Wright and the eating of a birthday cake with 150 candles.

New Zion was established in 1833 shortly after the Civil War; the old log church became inadequate and another building was constructed. This building was destroyed by fire in 1890. In 1947, the old New Zion School building was completely remodeled to accommodate the needs of a growing church.

The church has now been completely renovated and has a membership of 221. A new parsonage has been built.

The church has had 32 pastors. The present pastor, Don Nerren, will begin his fifth year there in July. He had formerly served the church for 2½ years, 20 years ago, as his first pastorate.

During the birthday anniversary revival, a different past pastor will preach each night. Earl Kelly, executive secretary, MBCB, will kick off the revival by preaching in the morning service on the 24th.

Nerren said, "We would like for former members and pastors to visit the church during this year, and to send a letter of greeting to be included in our special anniversary book of history. Letters may be addressed to New Zion Baptist Church, Star Rt., Box 48, Braxton, Miss. 39044."

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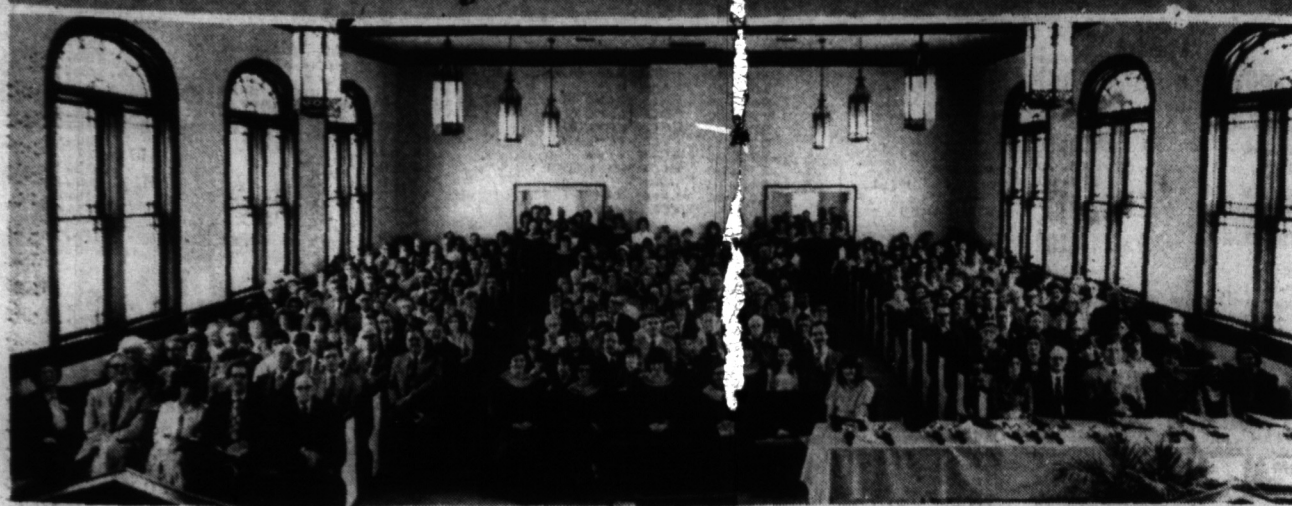
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## Just for the Record



BAY SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH, BAY SPRINGS, celebrated its 75th anniversary the second Sunday in March. In 1908 a group of mission-minded convention supporters decided that Bay Springs needed a Southern Baptist church which would fully support the mission programs of the Southern Baptist Convention. Sixty-seven withdrew from the Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, a Baptist Missionary Association church now called First Baptist Church, and formed Bay

Spring Baptist Church," reports Ron Kirkland, pastor. The celebration was marked by one of the largest Sunday School and worship attendances in the church's history. Howard Spell, D. D. Satterwhite, and W. A. Hogan, former pastors of the church, participated in the morning worship services with the present pastor. After exceeding the goal of 275 in Sunday School the church celebrated with worship, dinner on the ground, pastoral reflections and a musical presentation by "Sonlight" from First Baptist Church, Laurel.

"Newlight," the Jones County Junior College Baptist Student Union ensemble will present a concert April 26 at 7 p.m. at the BSU Center at the college. The group has sung in 11 churches and for youth rallies. Members are Lee Winborne, Jeff Harris, Patricia Pitts, Laurie Simmons, Elizabeth Smith, Sherry Lee, Julia White, Marshall Adcock, and Jim Huff. Also a part of the ensemble are Dale Jenkins, pianist; David Valentine, drums; Mike Miller, director; and John F. Sumner Jr., BSU director.

Glading Baptist Church, Amite County, held Helen Garner Day on Sunday, Mar. 20. Mrs. Garner, member of Glading Church for around 65 years, has been a member of the Susie Anderson WMU Circle since at age 5 she began attending it with her

mother. Her many jobs in the church have included that of Sunday School teacher. Her late husband, Henry Quin Garner, was chairman of deacons at Glading for many years. The church presented to Mrs. Garner a Bible, a corsage, and a bouquet. The special service, held as a surprise to Mrs. Garner, ended with 75 persons attending a dinner in her honor in the fellowship hall.

The Baptist Student Union evangelism team for Jones County Junior College has conducted 29 services in the churches of the eight surrounding counties. Members of the team are Brenda Beeson, Sandra King, Elizabeth Smith, Lillian Blausner, Dwayne Higginson, Nancy Catlett, Lee Winborne, and John Stroud.

Bucatanua Church, Clarke Association, will observe its 145th anniversary Apr. 24. W. E. Butler, a former pastor, will preach at the 10:50 worship service, and lunch will be served at noon. In the afternoon there will be a gospel singing; and E. L. Ray, also a former pastor, will preach. Buddy Braddock is the pastor.

Friendship East Church, Tallahatchie Association, will observe its 123rd anniversary on Apr. 24. Worship services will be at 11 a.m., and lunch will be served at noon.

A dedication service will be held at 1:30 p.m. for a newly completed, debt-free education building of 1,100 square feet. The new building was begun in 1981 with Claude Slaughter as the building committee chairman. J. G. Thomas is pastor.



Bay Springs Church on its 75th anniversary presented a plaque of appreciation to Mrs. Grace Huddleston, the only remaining charter member. She is pictured with the pastor, Ron Kirkland.



Morrison Chapel Baptist Church of Cleveland recently had a ground breaking service for a new education unit. This unit may be occupied by May. Pictured above are the Long Range Planning Committee, and the Building Committee. From left to right are Jerome Norwood, Mrs. James Lindsey, Mrs. Roy Griffin, Mickey Boswell, Donald Gant, Jimmy Alford, Wayne Gullet (pastor), Mike Griffin, Travis Harden, Mrs. Brooks Hooper, James Harden, and Roy Junkin. This is the first construction of a three phase building program.

### Bible Book

## Solomon builds the Temple

By Joe H. Tuten, pastor  
Calvary, Jackson

I Kings 5:1 through 7:51

David had wanted to build a house to the name of Jehovah, but God did not permit him to build a house of worship because he was engaged in war (I Kings 5:3). Solomon, in the fourth year of his reign (I Kings 6:1), began building the Temple in Jerusalem. The central truth of our lesson Sunday is that "Solomon sought and committed the best resources to build and furnish the Temple."

There are strong differences of opinion today about whether or not too much money is spent on houses of worship. It is a matter for each church to decide, harmoniously and in love. There is much to be said for beautiful church buildings which are adequately maintained. I have observed as a pastor that some people would be content to worship in a chicken house and let that rot and fall down upon them.

Solomon's mistake was not in making the Temple too beautiful and magnificent. His mistake was in making his own palace even more elaborate than the Temple, so that he placed a heavy burden upon the people for the sake of his own ego and comfort.

Solomon's contract with Hiram of Tyre (I Kings 5:1-18). Hiram was king of Tyre and an admirer of David. Tyre was a Phoenician country composed of the approximate geographical area as today's Lebanon. Hiram sent messengers to congratulate Solomon soon after he ascended to the throne, and Solomon used that opportunity to contract with Hiram to furnish timber for the Temple from the extensive cedar forests of Lebanon.

Several observations should be made about Solomon's contract with Hiram. One, Solomon used forced labor from Israel (I Kings 5:13). Two, perhaps in part to preserve family life, the workmen spent a month in Lebanon and two months at home (I Kings 5:14). Three, Hiram was generous in providing Solomon all he desired (I Kings 5:10). Fourth, after a 20-year contract, Hiram was disappointed over the 20 cities of Galilee which Solomon gave to him, calling them the land of Cabul, or the land of nothing (I Kings 9:13). As my daddy would have said, "If there had been two people to eat and only one spoon, Solomon would have eaten first." He was selfish and shrewd.

The construction of the Temple (I Kings 6:1-10). The construction of the Temple was begun 480 years after the

deliverance from Egypt and in the fourth year of Solomon's reign. A cubit was approximately equal to one and one-half feet. Thus, the Temple was 90 feet long, 30 feet wide and 45 feet high. There was a porch or vestibule 15 feet deep across the entire front of the Temple. It was a magnificent building made of the finest stone and cedar, much of which was overlaid with gold and garnished with precious stones (II Chronicles 3:5-7).

God renews his covenant with Solomon (I Kings 6:11-13). God spoke to Solomon during the construction of the Temple and offered to him the covenant that had been made with David, namely, to establish his throne forever. I disagree with the idea that God renewed the covenant which he had made with David.

There is a very important distinction in the covenant God established with David (II Samuel 7:1-17) and the similar covenant which God offered Solomon (I Kings 6:11-13 and II Chronicles 7:12-22). God made an unconditional promise to establish David's kingdom forever. God's offer to do the same for Solomon, however, was conditioned upon Solomon's faithfulness. The promise to David is fulfilled in the Messiah, whom the prophets consistently identified as a descendant of David but never as a descendant of Solomon. The distinction is of supreme importance and should not be overlooked.

Description of Solomon's Temple (I Kings 6:14-38). It required seven years to build the Temple. The Temple was patterned after the tabernacle. Remember, God revealed to Moses the exact design of the tabernacle. Both the movable tabernacle and the permanent Temple were designed to instruct the children of Israel about the awful alienation which sin causes on the one hand and the wonderful and approachable presence of Holy God on the other.

Description of Solomon's palace (I Kings 7:1-12). The biblical text, as we know, has been divided into chapters and verses without rhyme or reason. The writer's emphasis, and therefore his message, is largely lost by the division between chapter six and chapter seven. The biblical writer obviously intended to emphasize that Solomon actually devoted more resources, both human and material, to building the palace complex than to the nation's house of worship. It was a sinful and tragic mistake. It showed that Solomon was turning from God. This was the seed which turned into revolt and

### Uniform

## Good news for all people

By John G. Armistead, pastor  
Calvary, Tupelo

Acts 15:1-21

Through the ages there have been many controversies among Christians regarding various interpretations of faith. The earliest, and undoubtedly the most important, is recorded in this passage of scripture. At the heart of the matter was the question, "How can a person be saved?" The very future of the faith hung in the balance. Was Christianity to be merely another Jewish sect? Or, was it to become a universal faith? The showdown finally came when the leaders of both sides assembled in Jerusalem to have it out. All agreed that one is saved by the sacrifice of Jesus. The issue was how the atoning work of Christ is appropriated to one's life. What does one have to do to be saved? It is still a vital and often controversial question today.

The stage was set by the dynamic work of God being done at Antioch. People were pouring into the ranks of the church, especially Gentiles. The church was led to send Paul and Barnabas into the area of South Galatia (modern Turkey) to begin new work. Their labors met with great success and new churches (of Gentile believers) were established.

The Jewish Christians at Jerusalem began to be increasingly disturbed about the great influx of Gentiles into the church. There was apprehension about the ordinarily Gentile immorality diluting the purity of the church. Also, many Jewish Christians, believing the Jewish Jesus to be the Messiah sent to save Israel, could not comprehend Gentiles believing in Jesus anyway. Since Jesus came to save Israel, according to their thinking, Gentiles must first become Jews in order to benefit from Christ's work. Thus some Jewish Christians traveled to Antioch (and even to churches in South Galatia) teaching these concepts. Then the storm broke.

I. The issue: "How can a person be saved?" (15:1-5). The Jewish Christians from Jerusalem were teaching the Gentile Christians at Antioch that they must

brought about the division of the kingdom when Solomon's son, Rehoboam, ascended to the throne.

Constructing the furnishings for the Temple (I Kings 7:13-51). Was Solomon wise in getting Hiram, the famed metalworker from Tyre, to build the furniture for the Temple? Were some Israelites denied a blessing?

## Men build dorm in Belize

Agricultural Mission Fellowship in Yazoo City, sent to Belmopan, Belize, Central America, 14 Baptist laymen to build a dormitory for a Practical Agricultural Training High School. The dormitory is one of five buildings to be built at the 50 acre farm where young Belize boys will be taught to farm various crops by the school director, Rafael Sanchez, under direction of Cliff Scarbrough, Southern Baptist missionary residing in the capital city of Belmopan.

The team was coordinated by Dick Stafford, Ag Mission Fellowship director from Greenwood. The other members were Carl Clark, Greenwood; Preston Kelly, Bryan Burt, Al Gore from Money; Aubrey Dodson and Hoyt Johnson from Holly Springs; Wallace Outlaw, Jerry Childs, Gary Reichenbach, Tim Saxton, Harry Savell, Houston Allen, and Bill Berry from Silver City and Belzoni.

Each team member traveled to Belize at his own expense. The cost of building supplies for the dorm was funded by the Southern Baptist World Hunger and Disaster Relief special offering.

Resident students at the school and school employees helped the team to construct the 95% completed dormitory in 5 days.

The men attended Sunday services in three churches in Belmopan and outlying mission churches. Preston Kelly, pastor of Riverside Baptist Church, Money; Gary Reichenbach, pastor of Silver City Baptist Church; and Dick Stafford, Baptist layman from Greenwood, conducted the Sunday services. Aubrey Dodson from Holly Springs and other team members shared their testimonies.

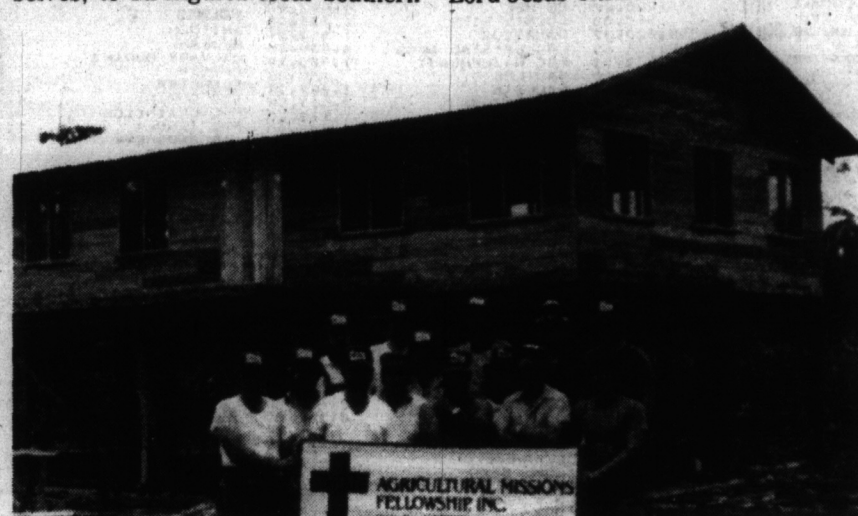
According to the men, the mission was successful. "The satisfaction of completing the dormitory in a record five days time, and most of all in giving their time, talent and money in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, will change our lives forever," said Stafford.

Future teams are needed in Belize to complete the three remaining buildings, Stafford said. Anyone interested in working on the building program may contact: Agricultural Mission Fellowship, Inc., P. O. Box 388, Yazoo City, MS. 39194, or call Gene Triggs, President (601) 746-4131 or Dick Stafford at 304 Quail Trail, Greenwood, MS. 38930 (Business phone, 601-453-7374; home phone, 601-455-3330).

The Agricultural Mission Fellowship, Inc., of Yazoo City was organized in 1968 to help Southern Baptist agricultural missionaries throughout the world by providing breeding stock, seed farm equipment and technical

advice. The goal of the group is to help the people of the world to feed themselves, to strengthen local Southern

Baptist congregations, and to bring all people to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.



Members of a team who went to Belize recently to build a dormitory are: first row, left to right—Dick Stafford, Carl Clark, Hoyt Johnson, Houston Allen, Tim Saxton; second row—Bill Berry, Jerry Childs, Preston Kelley, Brian Burt; third row—Wallace Outlaw, Al Gore, Harry Savell, Aubrey Dodson, and Gary Reichenbach.

### Devotional

## The resurrection A declaration of God's victory

By Jon Doler, pastor, First, Raleigh  
I Corinthians 15:50-59

"We won! We Won!" These are words of victory. When victory comes to individuals and teams, a celebration is in order. When defeat comes, a sense of despair and loss is evident.

The disciples of Jesus had to face a great defeat when he died on the cross. No celebration was in order because their leader and personal friend had been put to death. Ideals, dreams and hopes turned into despondency and defeat for the disciples as they could see no victory in a dead Messiah. However, the situation soon changed!

On the first day of the week after Jesus had died, Mary Magdalene and the other women went to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus with spices. When they entered the tomb they were told that Jesus was alive. Their immediate response was fear and amazement. Later, they and the other followers of Jesus responded with a sense of victory. The event which was thought to be a serious defeat turned into a thrilling victory!

The resurrection of Jesus is more than a dead man who came to life. It is a declaration of God's victory over sin, sorrow, temptation, tragedy and death. The victory was begun as Jesus lived in human flesh as God wanted him to live. He made no compromise with evil and was fully obedient to God's will. Jesus won in every area of life in which man had failed. The victory was finalized at the resurrection as God brought him to life above the power of sin and death.

Since my high school days I have heard of many winning football teams. I have watched with excitement numerous games in which my favorite teams finished the game with the winning score. However, no sports victories have been so real to me as the victories in which I was a participant as a high school player. Hearing about a victory or watching one occur is no comparison to experiencing one as a player!

The Apostle Paul said, "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Corinthians 15:57). It is one thing to say that Jesus was victorious over sin and death. It is something else to say, "I have experienced victory in my life."

The resurrection of Jesus is a declaration of God's victory that is available to us as we commit our lives to Jesus by faith.

### Life and Work

## God of past and present!

By Beverly V. Tinnin, pastor,  
First, Meridian

Isaiah 43

As the children of Israel entered the promised land two landmarks rose before them. On the one hand, the tree covered slopes of Mount Gerizim beckoned. Springs and brooks watered the abundant vegetation. It was a lovely sight. On the other hand, the bare, eroded crest of Mount Ebal was clearly visible. No vegetation covered the rocks and sand, as there was no water supply. God signaled that the future of the nation depended upon trust and obedience on the part of the people. Mount Ebal was the symbol if they failed to uphold their part of the covenant relationship. Prosperity and protection would result from faithfulness to God, and Mount Gerizim's inviting foliage stood as a reminder of the way God would bless Israel.

Isaiah delivers first the good news to the people in his day. In a later lesson, he will drop the other shoe and describe forcefully the bad news.

The good news, first (V. 43:1)

Complete ownership by God is emphasized, starting with his act of creation. He had a right to expect obedience on the part of his creature, but the act of sin on the part of Adam had left the taint on mankind known as "original sin." Each son of Adam made sin his own as by his choice he committed "individual sin."

Despite wilful disobedience of God's law he hears the wonderful proclamation from the Father, "Don't be afraid. I will save you." How he would accomplish this wonderful feat would be clearly revealed seven centuries later when "the word" would be "made flesh." Then "whosoever believeth in him would not perish."

Further, he reassures them, "I have called you by name." In this age of depersonalizing people so that they become merely numbers on a computer tape it is a marvelous thing to know God calls each of us by name. He marks the sparrow's fall and creatures made "in his own image" are of inestimable value to him. We are indeed "children of God" and he has Isaiah to affirm, "You are mine."

Peter in his first epistle rejoiced in the thought that God has confirmed a reservation for each redeemed soul in heaven. The bill for our eternal habitation is stamped "paid in full." On earth it is a minor catastrophe to find oneself "out in the cold" because the hotel has "overbooked." God pledges that when Jesus declared "I go to prepare a place for you . . ." no mistake will be made.

His own people, whom he knows by name, will find a "place" ready and waiting for him when he arrives in heaven.

The trials of the road will seem nothing (V. 2,3).

Israel was reminded of the "march of tears" their fathers made from Egypt to the promised land. God had provided a way on the bottom of the Red Sea as the waters were divided. They were safe, but their enemies drowned as they pursued them to bring them back into bondage. The "fires of trial" would not destroy them either. A little later the three Hebrew children who refused to bow and worship the Babylonian king were thrown in the super-heated furnace. No hair was singed on their heads and those who stared into the blazing cauldron were startled to see a fourth figure had joined them to share in the frightening experience.

God identifies himself as he had to the patriarchs. "I am the Lord your God . . . who saves you."

A nation of priests (V. 10)

The promise to Israel that they would be God's people was always conditional. If they shared the things they learned of God with "the nations" they would be his people. John the Baptist preached "the Kingdom of God is at hand." But for the kingdom to include them would take an act of sincere repentance. Otherwise, they would miss the golden opportunity.

No one escapes the mandate of the "great commission." All are to "preach the gospel to every creature." A witness must speak to the court if he is to witness. We speak even more convincingly with our lives than with our lips. What we are must declare that "there is no other god, there never was and never will be."

Remember not the former things  
The memory of God's mighty acts bolstered the sagging confidence of the people. The stories were told and retold from generation to generation. But the people were admonished not to live in the past and brood on the "good old days." Rosy daydreams don't suffice for present actions and hope for the future. The Lord says, "Watch for the new things I am going to do." There would be a new exodus, this time not from Egypt but from Babylon.

God would have us to know that, whatever circumstances arise, he will provide the resources to overcome.

God who forgives . . . (V. 25)

We are left with the promise of God's forgiveness. We now know the mechanics of God's "amazing grace."